

PATENT APPLICATION Serial No. 09/756.825

Attorney Docket No. 2204-002205

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1722

In re Application of

KAORU SUGITA ET AL.

Serial No. 09/756,825 Filed January 9, 2001

Examiner - Not Yet Assigned

INTERNAL CHILL CASTING METHOD

FOR MANUFACTURING A CAST PRODUCT CONTAINING A PIPE THEREIN

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania March 23, 2001

## TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BEFORE MAILING OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §\$1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement together with a completed Form PTO-1449 and an Englishlanguage Abstract of the reference cited. The reference was cited on page 2 of the instant specification and is relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

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03/23/2001 Date

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement as it is being submitted before a first Office Action on the merits. Nevertheless, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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